



LEGION OF MARY

MATER ECCLESIAE SENATUS OF HOUSTON

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LEGION OF MARY
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921



On April 28, the universal Church celebrates the feast day of Louis-Marie de Monfort, a 17th century saint who is revered for his intense devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Louis-Marie is perhaps most famously known for his prayer of entrustment to Our Lady, "Totus Tuus ego sum," which means, "I am all yours." The late-Pope John Paul II took the phrase "Totus Tuus" as his episcopal motto.

Born in Montfort, Brittany, on January 31, 1673, St. Louis-Marie possessed a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament as a child, and was also intimately devoted to the Blessed Virgin, especially through the Rosary. He took the name Marie at his confirmation. The saint manifested a love for the poor while he was at school and joined a society of young men who ministered to the poor and the sick on school holidays. When he was 19, he walked 130 miles to Paris to study theology, gave all he had to the poor that he met along the way and made a vow to live only on alms. After his ordination at 27, he served as a hospital chaplain until the management of the hospital resented his reorganization of the staff and sent him away. St. Louis-Marie discovered his great gift for preaching at the age of 32, and committed himself to it for the rest of his life. He met with such great success that he often drew crowds of thousands to hear his sermons in which he encouraged frequent communion and devotion to Mary.

But he also met with opposition, especially from the Jansenists, a heretical movement within the Church that believed in absolute Predestination, in which only a chosen few are saved, and the rest damned. Much of France was influenced by Jansenism, including many bishops, who banished St. Louis-Marie from preaching in their dioceses. He was even poisoned by Jansenists in La Rochelle, but survived, though he suffered ill health after.

While recuperating from the effects of the poisoning, he wrote the masterpiece of Marian piety, "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin," which he correctly prophesied would be hidden by the devil for a time. His seminal work was discovered 200 years after his death.

One year before he died, St. Louis-Marie founded two congregations: the Daughters of Divine Wisdom – which tended to the sick in hospitals and the education of poor girls, and the Company of Mary, missionaries devoted to preaching and to spreading devotion to Mary. [Source Catholic News Agency](#)

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by Fr. Victor Perez Spiritual Director
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Chapter 33, pages 203-206
Basic Duties of Legionaries

Brothers and sisters, this is good news. God can make us Holy. God can live inside of us. Thanks to Jesus' death on the cross we can now have access to God. God can restore us to grace. Jesus is the life of our souls. We need Jesus in our souls, his grace, sanctifying grace, and we are called to grow in this grace. How? By doing loving actions, praying, receiving the sacraments. We must decrease and He must increase in us. Will you allow Jesus to live in us? We have to be the bride of Christ, open our hearts to His love. Open our hearts to God as Mary did. What part of your heart has God not conquered. Where is your blind spot? Maybe it is pride, you try to control people. Maybe you can't be open with others and admit when you are wrong. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to

convict us of sin.

Confession is a huge grace and something we should do with preparation especially during Lent. Lent is a time of conversion. How can you grow? How can you convert? What are the sins you fall into? What is your blind spot? How can you improve that during Lent? Is your Lenten sacrifice based on that?

Also, this Lent what are you doing to be more mortified? The Manual says the mortified person is kinder, and generous. What do you need to give up looking at or seeing? What you see, taste and touch, affects your inner life. What do you listen to or see that does no good to your inner life? Can you mortify your senses? Today's Gospel

mentioned people who are the enemies of the Cross of Christ, and their god is their stomach. How can we deny our self-indulgence in food? Can you offer a sacrifice for Jesus, suffer a little bit? Think of the people who in Guatemala don't have so much food. They don't have electricity or warm showers. Can we not offer a sacrifice like, not eating sweets or not eating between meals? This will help your soul rise more to God. You will feel poorer in spirit if you fast from things you like, whether food or what you see.

But you must fill your heart with prayer. We must be open to the love of God for us and receive it. This consoles Jesus' heart when we open to receive His love. Jesus told Sr. Faustina. The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!

This Lent let us pray, fast and give alms, and acts of love. We need to be in solidarity with the poor, don't give into greed or putting our security in money. We have to save but we also need to provide and give. Let us show the alms of our love to those in need. Sometimes it is our own family or the people we work with. Can you show them love? Take time to see how they are doing? Do an act of service for them? With Mary, let us love and serve Jesus and allow Jesus to grow in us this lent through these spiritual practices. That way on Easter we will truly live a new life.

Houston Senatus
 80TH Annual ACIES
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
 Held Saturday March 26th, 2022
 And Mary said: "Behold I am the Handmaid of the
 Lord.
 May it be done unto me according to Thy
 word." (Luke 1:38)

***I AM ALL YOURS, MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER, AND
 ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS."***



ST. Luke Legion Jr. Praesidium



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Rev. Victor Perez Spiritual Director



Curia Spiritual Director Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

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Legion Choirs



PPC at Ave Maria, Florida March 2022





Legion of Mary

Mater Ecclesiae Senatus of Houston




Date: Sunday May 15th, 2022

Location: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Address: 1111 St Joseph Pkwy. Houston, TX 77002

Time: Rosary at 2:30 PM
Holy Mass at 3:00 PM

Mass Celebrant
Most Reverend Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S., D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Concelebrant
Rev. Victor Perez,
Senatus Spiritual Director

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please RSVP to Rochelle Hewitt, Senatus Secretary by Monday May 9th.
Email: hewittrochelle@gmail.com

Please bring your Banners and a Flower to offer to Our Blessed Mother on this Special Occasion!



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Celebrating 78th Death Anniversary
Venerable EDEL QUINN



Legion of Mary Envoy to East Africa in the 1930.
Born September 14, 1907 Died May 12, 1944



Mass and Senatus Meeting
Saturday, May 7th, 2022
Rosary at 9:00 A.M. Mass at 9:30 A.M.
Celebrant
Fr. John Paul Bolger, C.C.

Senatus meeting to follow
Fatima House
2011 Congress St. Houston, TX

Prayers for the Beatification of Venerable Edel Quinn

Eternal Father, I thank you for the grace you gave to your servant, Edel Quinn, of striving to live always in the joy of your presence, for the radiant charity infused into her heart by your Holy Spirit and for the strength she drew from the Bread of Life to labour until death for the glory of Your name in loving dependence on Mary, Mother of the Church. Confident, O Merciful Father, that her life was pleasing to you, I beg you to grant me, through her intercession, the special favour I now implore and to make known by miracles the glory she enjoys in Heaven, so that she may be glorified also by your Church on earth, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.







The New Orleans Regia held their Acies on March 27, 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church . The church is so beautiful. The legionaries, in the attached picture, are the host from Our Lady of the Cenacle Praesidium.

**Local Council Quarterly Report
Houston Korean Curia
Our Lady of Fatima**

Curia Quarterly Report (formed in March 1989)

~ **7 attached Praesidia** ~ 46 Active and 98 Auxiliary members

~ **2 Junior Praesidia** ~ 30 Active and 10 Auxiliary members

~ **College Station** (International Students/Faculty at Texas A&M University 1 Praesidium and 4 Active members

Works: Reaching out to atheist and inviting them to preparation for the Sacraments, Volunteering for CCE catechist, Caring for catechumenates and new parishioners, Visiting the sick homebound, Visiting seniors who are living alone, Contacting and caring for inactive region members and encouraging to rejoin, Recruiting both active and auxiliary legion members, PVS, mailing parish Sunday bulletins to those who could not attend mass, attending mass of Christian burial, attending in a litany for the dead, attending anointing of the sick, and distributing Divine Mercy prayer booklets.

Junior Praesidia Works: Food bank volunteer, Red Cross Volunteer, Helping at Korean school, teaching confirmation class, rosary/daily mass, Writing gratitude Journal daily, Spiritual journals and readings, morning and night prayers, Adoration, Divine mercy chaplet, Liturgy of hour, Novena prayers.

College Station Works: Caring for catechumenates, contacting and caring for inactive Catholic members, encouraging reconciliation.

Highlights: Extended Legion of Mary Centenary year 12 week handbook Study to September 2022

Curia Goals: Continue to recruit adult active and auxiliary legion members. Planning workshop to discuss the role of Legion of Mary in the church

Planning to reactivate 20's –30's generation Legion long term plan.

**Distant Council Quarterly Report
San Antonio Comitium**

San Antonio is doing quite well. Due to Covid illness, they did not meet in January. They are now at Fatima House and will send minutes. They are on the way to recovery.

**Distant Council Quarterly Report
Amarillo Curia**

The Curia is not meeting. The president had a stroke and is in recovery. Dimmitt praesidium is meeting combining the English and Spanish group, Immaculate Heart of Mary church with 12 active members. I will be contacted when the group will meet.

**Local Council Quarterly Report
Northwest Curia ~ Our Lady Undoer
of Knots St. Monica Parish**

The Curia has 8 Praesidia (1 meeting via Zoom)

Two Praesidiums gave their reports during this period.

~ **Our Lady of Africa** gave an oral report, still don't have permission to meet in person, meeting via Zoom.

5 active members and 1 in probation.

Works : Nursing home visitation

~ **Our Lady of Prompt Succor** reported in March.

5 active and 32 auxiliary members, 1 member in probation with 2 praetoreans.

Works: Catechism classes RCIA, Crowd contact, Communion services once a month at the nursing homes, evangelizing through social media. They have organized 4 pilgrimages to Our Lady of Lourdes (Vietnamese) church off of Fairbanks. In addition to reciting the rosary, during lent the Stations of the Cross and Divine mercy were prayed.

During this quarter no function was held by the NW Curia.

However, **February 4 & 5** Mary Mystical Rose held the All Night Vigil at St. Rose of Lima church. 13 attended the evening Mass and about 10 attending the morning Mass.

February 19th Queen of Apostles hosted a talk on The Four Privileges of Mary by Fr. Ricardo Arriola at St. Bartholomew.

March 26, 2022 the NW Curia will host the Acies

The Morning Star Jr. praesidium is now meeting on Wed. @ 6:30

**Distant Council Quarterly Report
Tyler Comitium
Nuestra Senora de Los Nieves**

Senatus President Lydia Coleman and Correspondent Diane Calzado visited the Tyler Comitium's Curia. Meeting was held at St. Peter's Catholic church's hall in Mineola, Texas March 6, 2022 There were 4 officers' present with 14 attendance including 2 visitors.

The Curia has 3 praesidia ~

Mineola, Mt. Pleasant, and Pittsburg there will be a 4th praesidia in Gilmer Texas and are preparing to make their promise soon.

Works: Leading the rosary every Sunday. Before Covid They have distribute Holy communion.

**Distant Council Quarterly Report
Albuquerque Comitium**

~ The Comitium is still not meeting in person.

~ The first in person meeting will hopefully be in April or May 22'

~ A New praesidium is being formed at Queen of Heaven

~ **South Curia:** has been meeting in person and will have upcoming elections for curia president.

~ **North Curia:** is still not meeting in person.



**DONATIONS TO Houston Senatus
Ending 2/28/2022**

Thank you for your generous donations, A portion of these donations are sent to The Concilium for works all over the World.

Local Praesidia: Our Lady of Sacred Heart
Queen of All Nations
Mother of Good Council

Local Councils: Spanish Comitium
Bay Area Curia
Southwest Curia
Northern Curia
North East Curia
Vietnamese Curia

Distant Councils: Dallas, Queen of Peace Comitium

**Please send donations to Houston Senatus Legion of Mary
PO Box 1181 Houston, Texas 77251**



All Night Vigil

May 6-7, 2022
9 PM Friday—5 AM Saturday
**St. Mark Evangelist
Catholic Church
5430 W. Ridgecreek Dr.
Houston 77053**

Let us meet at the foot of the Cross+ Please join us for a night of prayer

These Legion of Mary and Fatima Blue Army All Night Vigils are dedicated to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. These Vigils are held each 1st Friday and 1st Saturday of the month in a rotational basis in the diocese. We invite you to come and attend these vigils as often as possible. Our intentions are for the greatest need of the parish, world peace, priests, sisters, seminarians, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and all who serve the people of God in our diocese. These All Night Vigils began at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Freeport, Texas on 1st of January 1971, and has continued without a break until the present day.



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"Remember, Victory will come through Mary." - Pope John Paul II to Frank Duff

"In the service of Mary for the Evangelization of the World." - Frank Duff, founder, Legion of Mary

<http://www.legionofmary.org>

Quote of the Day from Concilium bulletin

The Christian life is not a collection of rules and formulas which are imposed on the individual, but the message about a person – Jesus Christ – who comes out to meet us in our sinfulness - as did the Father of the prodigal son – filled with love, compassion and forgiveness.

Archbishop Emeritus Diarmuid Martin, D.D.

Next Senatus Meeting:

Saturday May 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Praesidia Annual Report:

No Annual Report Due

Local Councils:

Northeast Curia
Northern Curia
Southwest Curia

Distant Councils:

Austin Comitium
Dallas Comitium
Arlington Vietnamese Curia
Corpus Christi Curia
Beaumont Curia
Shallowater Praesidium



**Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort's
33 Days Total Consecration to
Jesus Through Mary**

Start of 33 Day Plan	Marian Feast You've Chosen	Feast / Consecration Day
April 10,	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima	May 13
April 28,	Visitation	May 31,
May 25,	Our Mother of Perpetual Help	June 27
June 13,	Our Lady of Mont Carmel	July 16,
July 13,	Assumption	August 15,